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Mrs. Skinner's Funeral Held This Morning

REQUIEM MASS WAS CELEBRATED
 OVER THE REMAINS
 AT CATHOLIC CHURCH.

INTERMENT WAS MADE AT HOLY
 CROSS CEMETERY—LARGE
 FLORAL TRIBUTES.

Solemn high requiem mass was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic church this morning over the remains of Mrs. Josephine Skinner whose death occurred on Saturday in Rexville, N. Y. Rev. Father John E. Casey, of Rexville, brother of the deceased was the celebrant and he was assisted by Fathers, Maurice O. Hern, of Clarendon, Pa., Father Thos. O. Hern, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Rev. Wm. O. Hern, of Genesee, N. Y., the latter three cousins of the deceased. Father Boutwell, rector of St. Peter's church gave a brief eulogy on the life of the departed. John S. Martin of Oakland, Md., sang "Face to Face." At the conclusion of the services the remains were conveyed to Holy Cross cemetery where they were laid at rest.

The honorary pall bearers were: Messrs. George DeBolt, John A. Clark, Z. F. Robertson, J. M. Brownfield, Charles Powell, A. H. Donnelly, Michael Powell, John McCool, Harry E. Smith, Robert Talbot, John R. Bennett, Judge W. S. Hammond, Judge John W. Mason, Col. J. H. McDermott, the latter of Morgantown. The active

pall bearers were Messrs. M. J. O'Neill, Anthony McDonough, Lawrence Horan, D. F. Talbot, George Walters and Frank C. Hammond.

Yesterday afternoon and last night the remains of Mrs. Skinner lay in state at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett where they were taken on their arrival yesterday afternoon. Throngs of friends and associates visited the Bennett's home yesterday to pay a tribute of respect to her memory. There was a profusion of floral tributes.

Among the friends who accompanied the party here were the Rev. Father Casey and the Fathers O'Hern, Miss Nora Casey of Rexville; Miss Nellie O'Hern, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Searle, Mr. J. J. O'Hern, of DuBois, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Daley of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. S. W. Martin of Pittsburgh; Mrs. F. T. Martin, and son John of Oakland, Md.

New Secretary For Y.M.C.A.

J. W. KNIGHT OF CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., WILL TAKE CHARGE JANUARY 15.

The directors of the local Y. M. C. A. have succeeded in securing a general secretary in the person of Mr. J. W. Knight, of Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Knight will take charge of the local work about the middle of January.

Soon after his coming here a membership campaign will be inaugurated.

This campaign will be pushed vigorously with the hope of getting every person who is interested in the welfare of the institution to become a member.

Mr. Knight comes to the local association highly recommended. He has had considerable experience in Y. M. C. A. work and has made a success. There will be every effort made to assist him in placing the association here on a firm basis and everything is expected to move off flourishingly.

Bible Class To Meet.

The Maple Avenue Bible Class will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Miller school. The building will be comfortable heated and lighted and a good attendance is urged. The study text will be found in the tenth chapter of Acts. Those who attend the class are asked to bring their Bibles and Tabernacle song books.

HALF MILLION COST OF BALLOT

POPULAR ELECTIONS OF SENATORS COST CANDIDATES LARGE SUM.

DEMOCRATS LEAD IN THE EXPENDITURES WITH REPUBLICANS IN SECOND PLACE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Nearly half a million dollars was spent by candidates of all parties last November, in the first popular election of United States senators in the history of the Government. To be exact \$460,777.25 represents the total sworn statements of campaign expenditures filed with the secretary of the Senate by the men who sought senatorial honors from 31 states.

Of this grand total there was contributed from various sources to the candidates \$188,847.99. In accordance with these figures, therefore, the candidates themselves turned into circulation for the privilege of running for office \$271,929.26.

Senators who looked over the figures today manifested great interest and it was remarked that should all the senators be elected at one time the cost to the candidates based upon the ratio established, would be three times as great or approximately \$1,384,000.

Democrats In Lead.

Democrats led in the expenditure with \$242,895.90. Republican candidates spent \$156,834.33; Progressives, \$55,158.94; Prohibitionists, \$4,443.23; Socialists, \$354.74, and Independents, \$1,040.06. The average per capita expenditure was: Democrats, \$3,074.63; Republicans, \$2,852.44.

The largest expenditures occurred in the State of Georgia, where two senators were elected, the amount sworn to by all candidates there totaling \$41,492.663. North Carolina candidates, where Senator Overman was re-elected, brought up the rear with a total expenditure of \$702.65. William Henley, defeated Progressive of Oregon, who reported that he disbursed \$10,326.94, and had contributed to his campaign \$10,415.93 was the only candidate to exceed the \$10,000 limit fixed by law.

Several candidates reported that they spent no money whatever, but the lowest expenditure on record was 8 cents, reported by E. L. Hitchens, Socialist candidate in Ohio.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE.
 LITTLE CHAMPAGNE LEFT TO CHRISTEN THE NEW-BORN 1915

Poor little 1915! Its debut will be far from the joyous in those countries ravaged by war, and even in neutral or distant lands the grim shadow of the conflict will put a damper on the merriment which is usually accompanied by the birth of a new year.

In the great capitals of Europe, in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna the popping of corks and the clinking of glasses and the voices of merry-makers will be all but silenced, for Europe is in no mood for such revelry.

Of all the great cities of the earth, New York has long held the dubious leadership in the celebration of New Year's eve. The New Yorker simply casts reserve and decorum and convention to the winds and "turns himself loose" to welcome the arrival of a new year. The custom of midnight feasting and drinking—especially the

latter—is not peculiar to the American metropolis, but it is there that it is most general and enthusiastic. A stern critic might describe New York's welcome to the new year as a "drunken debauch" and still be within the bounds of truth.

While New York and other American cities will not abandon their customary festivities, the revelry will be somewhat subdued. The shortage of champagne will in part be responsible for the lessening of New Year ardor. In the past the great restaurants of New York have decreed that nothing but champagne be served to their patrons at the midnight feast, but the ravaging of the champagne district by war, and the consumption of vast quantities of wine by the Germans has made the sparkling "joy water" not only very expensive, but decidedly limited in quantity. As a result, 1915 will have to do without the usual champagne christening. In past years it has been estimated that New Yorkers have spent nearly a million dollars in buying champagne on each New Year's eve, but tonight's indulgence will be considerably reduced. Many who have heretofore disdained anything but wine will tonight condescend to consume beer, and many other Americans of usually convivial spirits will manifest their sympathy for stricken Europe by refraining from following the customs of the peaceful past. The suggestion that the money ordinarily spent in celebrating the occasion be devoted to the relief of the homeless and the suffering at home and abroad has met with a wide response.

Boston Common and Independence Square in Philadelphia have New Year's celebrations quite different in character from the riotous ceremonies of Broadway, and many other American cities have sought, with or less success, to give a "safe and sane" aspect to the night's popular inhibition.

The celebration in London and Paris a year ago were almost as vociferous as New York's, but tonight will witness a great change in the spirit of the French and English people. Although the people may share the soldier's jubilant negation of the question, "Are we downhearted?" they are not in the mood for such merriment as made the entrance of 1914 memorable. Then the London streets of the West End and around St. Paul's were a pandemonium, with revellers, wearing paper caps and false noses, parading up and down and blowing horns. Parisians crowded the boulevards by hundreds of thousands, and the restaurants were filled to overflowing. Berlin and Vienna also had notable celebrations a year ago, but the exuberance of the average German on such occasions does not approach that of Americans, Frenchmen or Englishmen.

B.&O. Activity On East Side Is Now Certain

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS DISCUSSING FILL WITH U. S. ENGINEERS.

RAILROAD COMPANY IS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN RECOMMENDATION FROM BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Secretary Charles W. Evans, of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, and Sam R. Nuzum went to Pittsburgh today to confer with Mr. McGrew, U. S. Assistant Engineer, in reference to the proposed fill which the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company is seeking to make in the Monongahela river in the first ward. The railroad company has asked the local chamber to recommend the fill. The original plan was for the railroad company to construct a retaining wall, but this idea has been abandoned with the hope that a slag fill can be made if the consent of the war department can be obtained.

Fairmont business men feel that they do not care to make any recommendations that will interfere with or impede any developments of river traffic.

That the Baltimore & Ohio is going to complete the construction of the Palatine branch is the belief of the business men of the city. The entering into the first ward of the lines of the Pennsylvania system has stirred up the officials of the Baltimore & Ohio and now it is thought that some activity in the city is certain. For years the construction of the Palatine branch has hung fire. One

franchise was permitted to expire without any action on the part of the railroad company and after considerable agitation and difficulty the corporation was granted another franchise. It is argued by some that in the second instance history has repeated itself and that the company has let the second franchise expire. Again it is argued that the second franchise is still in operation due to some very ineffective operations of the railroad company.

The anxiety of the Baltimore and Ohio in reference to get the recommendation from the Chamber of Commerce to make the proposed fill after permission had been granted by the war department is believed to be an indication that something will soon be doing on the east side of the river.

City News BRIEFS

Will Observe Holiday.

New Year's day will be observed in the customary manner in this city tomorrow. The banks and postoffice will observe the usual holiday hours and a number of business houses will close for the entire day.

A number of people will keep open house throughout the day and family dinner parties, etc., will also be the order of the day. The Woman's Club will hold its usual New Year's reception during the afternoon and several smaller affairs will also be held.

A FEW WORDS—

A Pleasant Greeting!

A Happy New Year!

**And a Prosperous One Are the
 Sincere Wishes of**

Bert S. Leopold & Co.

who was a personal friend of Dr. Reynolds, will assist at the services.

Attend Funeral Services.

Rev. W. J. Eddy will go to Morgantown tomorrow to attend the funeral services of Dr. P. B. Reynolds, whose death occurred Tuesday. Rev. Eddy

Live or Dressed Turkey's, Chickens or Rabbits for your New Year's dinner at Jefferson Street Meat Market 12-40-41



The above is a photograph of Prichard mausoleum recently completed by the Stewart Granite Works of Mannington in the Mannington cemetery.

It covers 13½ by 12½ feet and is built to accommodate eight bodies.

The roof is of three pieces only, making it absolutely waterproof.

The doors, crypt handles and window grill are of solid standard bronze.

The interior is entirely lined with white Italian Marble, highly polished. Even the floor is pure white marble. In rear of interior is an art glass window set in a bronze frame and below window is a wide marble seat.

This is one of many fine mausoleums erected by this well known firm in the State.

For this class of work and high class monumental and all kinds of cemetery work, they are recognized leaders of West Virginia.

Prices on all kinds of cemetery work will be decidedly advanced, on account of the new scale of wages that goes into effect March 1st, 1915, and the old prices can only be quoted on work that can be completed by that time, or on work that we have in stock or purchased for March 1st delivery.

We have bought heavily for spring as well as having a large stock on hand. Many of them are already sold, and would advise any one who contemplates the erection of a monument in the spring to place their order now.

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